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SETTING UP OF MOBILE TOWER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile service of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is not working properly in the State of Jharkhand especially in Dhanbad, Bokaro, Ranchi and Jamshedpur;

(b) if so, whether the Government is taking any concrete steps to improve this service;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of mobile connections allotted and functioning in the State, location-wise; and

(e) the total number of BSNL mobile towers functioning in the State of Jharkhand and the details of expenditure made for this purpose during the year 2006-07, as on date, location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, GSM based cellular mobile telephone service being provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is working satisfactorily in Jharkhand including in the said places in general. However, there are few interruptions sometimes in long distance media due to various developmental activities by different agencies like road widening etc which are attended promptly.

(b) & (c) BSNL is augmenting its mobile network progressively so as to enhance coverage, capacity and to further improve the Quality of Service (QoS). BSNL is also optimizing its network continuously for its performance. Monitoring of the network has also been strengthened to ensure performance as per the QoS parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

(d) & (e) Information is given in the Annexure.